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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN IN
SUBJECT: US INDICTMENTS AGAINST PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE ON MAY 10,
FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA ASKED FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT INDICTMENTS AGAINST PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
FOR, AMONG OTHER CHARGES, EVASION OF INCOME TAXES
ON A SUM OF MONEY GENERATED BY TRANSACTIONS WITH
THE COCHIN REFINERY LTD. OF COCHIN, INDIA.

2. IN PARTICULAR, MEHTA ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION
THAT COPIES OF TWO DOCUMENTS WHICH HE HANDED TO
THE CHARGE WERE GENUINE, THE FIRST HE SAID, WAS
A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(ON HIS COPY THE LETTERHEAD IS APPARENTLY
BLOCKED OUT ALTHOUGH THERE IS A DOJ NOTATIION AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE LAST PAGE). THE SECOND IS A COPY
OF A GRAND JURY INDICTMENT IN THE US DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA. WE
ARE POUCHING THESE COPIES TO NEA/INS
WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY BE VERIFIED SO THAT
WE MAY OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATE THAT VERIFICATION
TO THE GOI.

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3. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING
ILLEGAL PAYMENTS OR SUPPLIES PROVIDED TO INDIANS.
HE INDICATED HIS FIRST PRIORITY, HOWEVER, WAS
THE VERIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.

4. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WANTED THIS REQUEST TO BE HANDLED

IN CONFIDENCE. HE ASKED THAT HIS JOINT SECRETARY LEAVE HIS
OFFICE BEFORE TAKING IT UP WITH THE CHARGE.
SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION THIS
REQUEST TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY.
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